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Birds of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains: A Checklist

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Using the Checklist

The columns following the name of each species are intended to help the birder with identification.

The first three columns relate to how common the bird is during the summer, winter, or migration periods.

C - Common

U - Uncommon

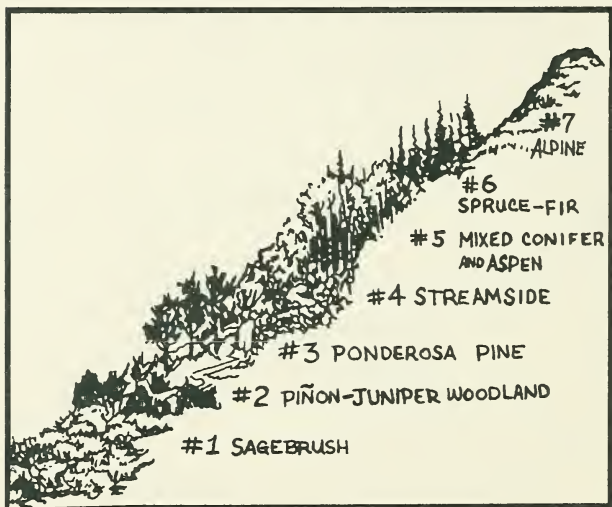
O - Occasional

? - Possible

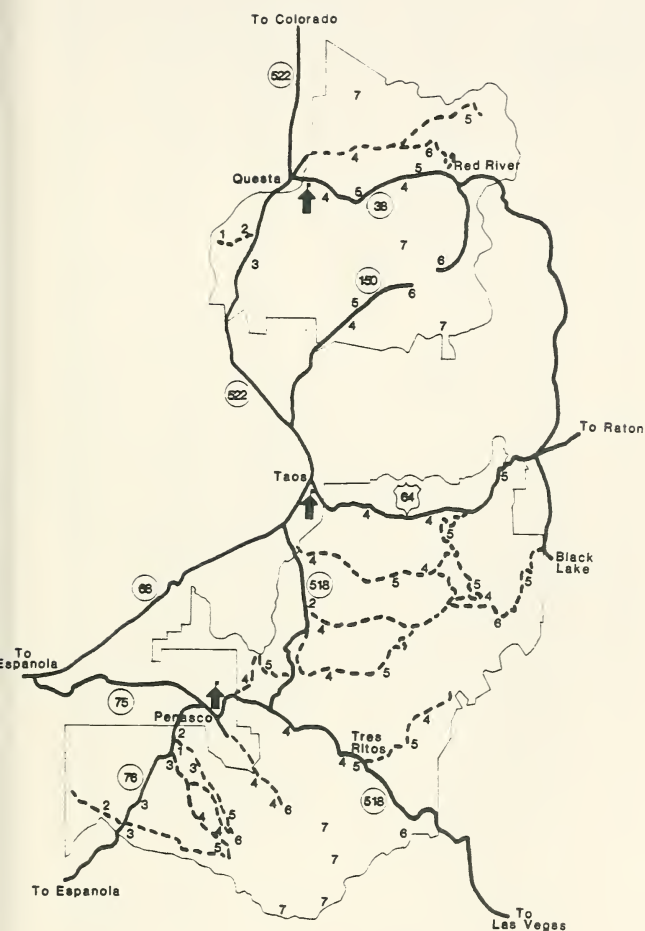
Many of the species are also associated with urban or rural interfaces. Many use habitats seasonally. Some raptors are more associated with open airspace and are very wide ranging.

The remaining categories describe the habitat(s) where one is most likely to encounter each species. These habitats are commonly referred to in most guidebooks. Some suggested locations of these habitats on the Carson National Forest are shown on the following map.

Habitat Types



If you observe a bird which is not on this list, please contact: Forest Wildlife Biologist, Carson National Forest, 208 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM 87571.



Forest Information



Forest Boundary

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Habitat Type



Unpaved Road

	Summer Resident	Winter Resident	Migrant	Sagebrush	Piñon-Juniper	Ponderosa Pine	Streamside	Mixed Conifer/Aspen	Spruce-Fir	Alpine
Ducks										
— Mallard	O		U				•			
— Pintail	O		U				•			
Vultures										
— Turkey Vulture	C		C	•	•					
Hawks, Eagles										
— Goshawk	U	O	U			•	•	•	•	
— Sharp-Shinned Hawk	U	O	U			•	•	•		
— Cooper's Hawk	U	O	U			•	•	•		
— Rough-Legged Hawk			O	•	•		•			•
— Ferruginous Hawk			O	•	•					
— Red-Tailed Hawk	C	U	C	•	•	•	•			
— Swainson's Hawk	O	?	O	•	•	•				•
— Golden Eagle	U			•	•	•		•	•	
— Bald Eagle			O				•			
— Pigeon Hawk (Merlin)			O	•	•	•	•			
— Peregrine Falcon	?		O			•	•	•		
— Prairie Falcon	?		O	•	•	•	•			
— American Kestrel	C	U		•	•	•	•			
Grouse										
— Blue Grouse	C	C						•	•	
Ptarmigan										
— White-Tailed Ptarmigan	?	?								•
Quail										
— Scaled Quail	U	U		•	•					
Turkey										
— Merriam's Turkey	U	U			•	•	•	•		
Plovers										
— Kill Deer	C	?	C				•			
Snipe, Sandpipers										
— Common Snipe	U	U	U				•			
— Spotted Sandpiper	U		U				•			

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Pigeons & Doves										
— Band-Tailed Pigeon	U		C	•	•	•		•	•	
— Rock Dove	C	O		•	•		•			
— Mourning Dove	C	O	C	•	•					
Cuckoo										
— Yellow-Billed Cuckoo	O		O				•			
Owls										
— Screech Owl	O	O				•	•	•		
— Flammulated Owl	U		U			•	•	•		
— Great-Horned Owl	C	C		•	•	•	•	•		
— Pygmy Owl	O	O				•	•	•		
— Spotted Owl	O	O				•	•	•		
— Long-Eared Owl	U	U			•	•	•	•		
— Saw-Whet Owl	O	O	O			•	•	•		
— Burrowing Owl	O			•						
Goatsuckers										
— Poor-Will	U		U	•	•					
— Common Nighthawk	C		C	•	•	•				
Swifts										
— White-Throated Swift	C		C	•	•	•	•			
Hummingbird										
— Black-Chinned Hummingbird	U		C	•	•	•	•			
— Broadtailed Hummingbird	C		C				•	•	•	
— Rufous Hummingbird	C	?	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	
— Calliope Hummingbird	?	?	U				•	•	•	
Kingfisher										
— Belted Kingfisher	U	O	C				•			
Woodpeckers										
— Northern Flicker	C	C				•	•	•		
— Red-Headed Woodpecker	O	U	O				•			
— Acorn Woodpecker	U	U			•	•	•	•		
— Lewis's Woodpecker	U		U			•	•	•		

	Summer Resident	Winter Resident	Migrant	Sagebrush	Piñon-Juniper	Ponderosa Pine	Streamside	Mixed Conifer/Aspen	Spruce-Fir	Alpine
— Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker	C	O	C				•	•	•	
— Williamson's Sapsucker	U		U					•	•	
— Hairy Woodpecker	U	U				•	•	•	•	
— Downy Woodpecker	O	O				•	•	•		
— Ladder-Backed Woodpecker	O	O		•	•	•	•			
— Northern Three-Toed Woodpecker	O	O						•	•	
Flycatchers										
— Western Kingbird	U		U	•	•					
— Cassin's Kingbird	U		U		•	•				
— Ash-Throated Flycatcher	C		C	•	•	•				
— Say's Phoebe	U		U	•	•		•			
— Trail's Flycatcher	U		U				•			
— Hammond Flycatcher	O		O	•	•	•	•	•	•	
— Dusky Flycatcher	C		C	•	•	•				
— Western Flycatcher	U		U				•	•	•	
— Western Wood Pewee	C		C			•	•	•		
— Olive-Sided Flycatcher	C		O					•	•	
Lark										
— Horned Lark	C	U	U	•	•					
Swallows										
— Violet-green Swallow	C					•	•			
— Tree Swallow	U		U				•			
— Bank Swallow	U		U				•			
— Rough-Winged Swallow	U		U				•			
— Barn Swallow	C		C	•	•		•			
— Cliff Swallow	C		C	•	•		•			
Jays, Magpies, Crows										
— Gray Jay	C	C						•	•	
— Blue Jay	O	O	O			•				
— Steller's Jay	C	C				•		•		
— Scrub Jay	C	C		•	•	•	•			
— Black-Billed Magpie	C	C		•	•	•	•			
— Common Raven	C	C						•	•	•
— Common Crow	C	C		•	•		•			
— Pinyon Jay	C	U		•	•					

	Summer Resident	Winter Resident	Migrant	Sagebrush	Piñon-Juniper	Ponderosa Pine	Streamside	Mixed Conifer/Aspen	Spruce-Fir	Alpine
— Clark's Nutcracker	C	C						•	•	
Chickadees, Nuthatches										
— Black-Capped Chickadee	C	C				•	•	•		
— Mountain Chickadee	C	C			•	•		•		
— Plain Titmouse	C	C			•	•	•			
— Common Bushtit	U	U		•	•	•				
— White-Breasted Nuthatch	C	C				•	•	•		
— Pygmy Nuthatch	C	C				•		•		
— Red-Breasted Nuthatch	O	U	U					•	•	
— Brown Creeper	U	U				•	•	•		
— Dipper	C	C					•			
Wrens										
— House Wren	C		C			•	•			
— Winter Wren		U				•	•	•		
— Bewick's Wren	O	O				•	•			
— Canyon Wren	C	C					•			
— Rock Wren	C		U				•			
Mimics, Thrushes										
— Mockingbird	C		C	•	•		•			
— Catbird	O		O	•	•		•			
— Brown Thrasher		O	O	•	•		•			
— Sage Thrasher	C		C	•	•					
— Robin	C	C				•	•			
— Hermit Thrush	C		U				•	•		
— Swainson's Thrush	U		C						•	
— Eastern Bluebird			O		•	•	•			
— Western Bluebird	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	•		
— Mountain Bluebird	C	O	U	•	•					
— Townsend's Solitaire	C	C		•	•	•	•	•		
Gnatcatchers, Kinglets										
— Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	U		U		•	•	•			
— Golden-Crowned Kinglet	C		U					•		
— Ruby-Crowned Kinglet	C		O			•		•		
Pipit, Waxwings										
— Water Pipit	U		U	•						•
— Bohemian Waxwing			O			•			•	

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— Cedar Waxwing		O	O		•	•	•			
Shrikes, Starling										
— Northern Shrike		C		•	•	•				
— Loggerhead Shrike	C	O	U	•	•	•				
— Starling	C	U	C	•	•		•			
Vireos										
— Gray Vireo	U		U	•	•	•				
— Solitary Vireo	C		U				•	•		
— Warbling Vireo	C		C				•	•		
Wood Warblers										
— Orange-Crowned Warbler			C				•	•		
— Nashville Warbler			U			•	•	•		
— Virginia's Warbler	C		U		•	•				
— Yellow Warbler	U		U				•			
— Yellow-Rumped Warbler	C		C			•	•	•		
— Black-Throated Gray Warbler	O				•	•	•			
— Townsend's Warbler			O					•	•	
— Grace's Warbler	U		U			•				
— Northern Waterthrush			U				•			
— MacGillivray's Warbler	U		O				•			
— Yellowthroat	?						•			
— Yellow-Breasted Chat	U		U				•			
— Wilson's Warbler	C		U				•			
— American Redstart	O		O				•			
Weaver Finch										
— House Sparrow	C	C	C	•	•	•	•			
Meadowlark, Blackbirds, Orioles										
— Western Meadowlark	C	O	C	•	•					
— Yellow-Headed Blackbird	O		O	•			•			
— Redwinged Blackbird	C	C	C				•			
— Northern Oriole	C		U				•			
— Brewer's Blackbird	C		U	•	•		•			
— Common Cowbird	C	O	C	•	•		•			

	Summer Resident	Winter Resident	Migrant	Sagebrush	Piñon-Juniper	Ponderosa Pine	Streamside	Mixed Conifer/Aspen	Spruce-Fir	Alpine
Tanagers										
— Western Tanager	U		U			•	•	•		
— Hepatic Tanager	O		O			•		•		
Finches, Sparrows										
— Rose-Breasted Grosbeak	?		O				•			
— Black-Headed Grosbeak	C		U				•			
— Blue Grosbeak	U		U				•			
— Indigo Bunting	O		O	•	•		•			
— Lazull Bunting	U		O	•			•			
— Evening Grosbeak	C	U	C				•	•		
— Cassin's Purple Finch	U	U						•	•	
— House Finch	C	C	C				•			
— Pine Grosbeak	O	O	O			•	•	•		
— Gray-Crowned Rosy Finch									•	•
— Brown-Capped Rosy Finch	U	U							•	•
— Pine Siskin	C	U	C	•		•	•	•		
— American Goldfinch	?	U	?	•	•	•	•			
— Lesser Goldfinch	C		C	•	•	•	•			
— Red Crossbill	U		U			•	•	•		
— Green-Tailed Towhee	C		U	•	•	•	•			
— Rufous-Sided Towhee	U		U			•	•			
— Brown Towhee	U	U	U	•	•	•	•			
— Lark Bunting	O		O	•						
— Savannah Sparrow	O		O	•						
— Vesper Sparrow	U		U	•						
— Lark Sparrow	U		U	•	•					
— Black-Throated Sparrow	?		?	•						
— Sage Sparrow	O		U	•						
— Dark-Eyed Junco		O	O			•	•	•		
— Gray-Headed Junco	C		U			•	•	•		
— Tree Sparrow		O	O				•			
— Chipping Sparrow	C		U			•	•	•		
— Brewer's Sparrow	C		C	•						
— Harris Sparrow			?	•	•	•			•	•
— White-Crowned Sparrow	C		C	•	•		•			
— White-Throated Sparrow		?					•	•		
— Lincoln's Sparrow	U	?					•			
— Song Sparrow	C			•			•			
— Chestnut-Collared Longspur	?		?	•						

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